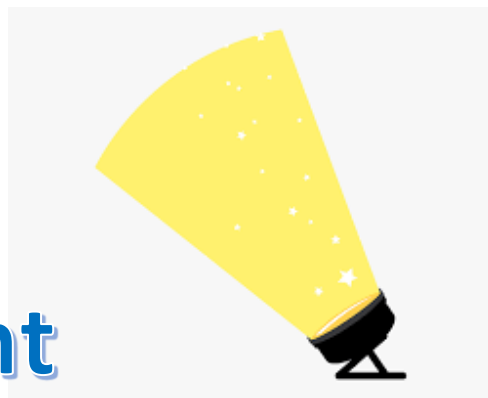




New Malden
Methodist Church

*At the **heart** of the High Street*



Spotlight

May 2024

Message from Vindra

Each month before I write something for the newsletters, I go to my search engine and look at all the special events being celebrated during the month. May is awash with them, including 'Harry Potter Day' celebrated on 2 May.

So here are some of the notable ones.

2-8 May- Global campaign for Education Awareness Week

3 May- World Asthma Day

7-13 May- Deaf Awareness Week

14 May- World Fair Trade Day

And I have not included Christian Aid week amongst others.

All of these days are highlighted and celebrated because it affects someone and God has put into the hearts of men and women a desire to help, to bring comfort and to encourage all those affected to live a full life despite their limitations.

Over the years my dad has become profoundly deaf and refuses to wear his hearing aid. It is near impossible to have a conversation with him. He lip reads my mum and they communicate, although at times she gets frustrated. In the last few weeks I have had the time to reflect on how isolating it is to have very limited mobility, in my dad's case, and to also be profoundly deaf. Your world becomes smaller. Thankfully he has at least 5 visitors during the week. I have realized that what matters is presence. Because I am so used to doing things, that was hard for me at first! I just wanted to make things better. I have discovered that sometimes presence is enough. It is ok to just sit with the person and be there. Words are not always necessary. This goes completely against my nature but it is all I can do now. It is a work in progress. It is not right or wrong but a journey of discovery and each day there are new insights.

May for me is also when the church normally celebrates Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit in power to the apostles, transforming them from men and women who were afraid

to people who were empowered to speak the word of God at great cost. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church and I often think a birthday cake at church is a great idea. Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the forgotten Christian festival. Most people know that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, some people know that Easter refers to the death and resurrection of Jesus but if you did a survey most people would have no idea about Pentecost. There are certainly no greeting cards about. Yet this is when the Holy Spirit comes as a mighty wind and tongues of fire and the Church is born. Let us celebrate Pentecost this year and pray for a fresh outpouring and anointing of the Holy Spirit. By the time you read this letter, I should have a return date to the UK. For a long time light in this tunnel was a speck but now I can see more rays. Each week that passes draws me closer to a return date. In all of this God has been faithful and there have been many blessings. I am learning to trust God in a different way. Soon there will be a time of celebration and I feel assured that God has so much planned for us in the Kingston Circuit.

Please look after yourselves, remember God never leaves or forsake us. Be hopeful and see you soon. Blessings, Vindra

From Julie Haines:

The Circuit Stewards had a Zoom chat with Vindra on 17th April. She sent her thanks for our prayers for her recovery. She is having physio and is mobile with a stick and wearing a 'boot'. She plans to be back in England in time to preach at Surbiton on 19th May and to be with us on 26th May.

Please continue to add her to your prayers as it is going to be a good while before she is fully recovered.

Spotlight's Safeguarding Space

Foundation Safeguarding Training will be held in the sanctuary at New Malden Methodist Church on Thursday 16th May 7-9pm.
Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm.



This training needs to be renewed every four years. Individual invitations will be extended to those who need to attend. Should anyone else wish to take part the please see myself or Julie Haines (Circuit Safeguarding Officer) by Sunday 5th May so that the correct number of booklets can be ordered.
Thank you.

The **Methodist** Church 

Liz Edwards, Safeguarding Officer

Church Family News

We heard at the beginning of the month that Karen Hampton's mum had died. We send love and prayers to all the Hampton family who have been caring for Karen's mum and to whom this will be a huge blow.

Prayer Request update

We have a Prayer board in Wesley's where people can leave prayer requests, which is well used by people who visit Wesley's. Following recent discussions with the Pastoral team, it has been agreed that when requests have been prayed for, the cards will be presented for dedication alongside the offering. This is now happening at each Communion Service.

Bring & Share Lunch

Sunday 2nd June in Wesley's following the Church Service.

It's been lovely to welcome new people who have been coming to Church, and we would like an opportunity to spend a little longer having a chat and getting to know each other over lunch one Sunday. So, the Pastoral Friends have agreed that Sunday 2nd June in Wesley's would be a good opportunity to have a lunch together, especially as this is the Sunday following Karl's return. It will take the form of Bring and Share – so each person brings a small contribution to a buffet style lunch. This is open to anyone from Church who would like to join us, and we especially welcome people who have recently started attending.

Recycling

Would you be able to come down to church on a Wednesday to put out our recycling bins? It is not an onerous task and some weeks they do not have to go out at all but it would be good to have someone keep an eye on it and it is one thing that we could remove from the church office! Please talk to Sarah if you think you could help.

Help Needed

Between us, myself, Tony Chalk and Alan Vincent currently operate the screen and sound on Sunday mornings but we are not always around, especially as I will be having three operations over the next couple of years.

Please could you consider whether you might be able to cover either task? Neither are onerous so it would not take long for me to show you how the systems work along with their little 'hiccups'. Please come and have a chat. Thank you. Julie Haines

Big Birthday

We were all very happy to help Greta celebrate her very special birthday with cake after the service on Sunday 7th April.

It is no coincidence that an anagram of Greta's name is GREAT!

Greta had been out for a Turkish meal with her family on her birthday



Catching up with old friends



Many of you will remember the Albanian refugee family who lived in New Malden and became regular members of NMMC. Gillian Gillman and Greta also made many trips to Albania to visit the family after they had returned.

On Saturday 13th April, Gillian and Greta were very happy to meet up with Elvira and her daughters in Wesley's, catching up on memories of when Elvira lived here and the trips to Albania. They then went up New Malden High Street and to Burlington School where Elvira went with her brother Elvis. Elvira wanted her children to see where she lived until she was 9 years old and the church where she came with her parents Gani and Drita and where she loved going to Shell Club with Greta, Gary, Nicky and Stella.

Sue Knowles

RNLI Launch a Memory

Glynis, Carl and Courtney Fox visited Poole's RNLI Lifeboat College on 14th April to see the lifeboat that has Adrian's name on it along with 10,000 others. His name is on the 'N' on the starboard side.

The boat is a Shannon class lifeboat RNLI 13-40 (which means it is a 13 foot boat and is the 40th one of that type that has been made). It is the sixth memory boat that has been made and they are currently working on the next one. It is called 'Eric's Legend' and is part of the relief fleet which could be called into action anywhere around the UK.



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News of Hannah Moore

Hallò, Xin Chao and Goodday!

At the beginning of February I left for a big adventure across the world. I started in Iceland where I narrowly avoided an active volcano and saw miles and miles of the most amazing snowy landscape! I travelled with a tour company in a group of 10 and we have plans to meet up in the summer when I'm back. I then went to the Faroe Islands which is located about 400 miles from the top of Scotland and is technically part of Denmark. It was as beautiful as it was remote – I would go whole days without meeting another person.

From there I went to Copenhagen and worked my way down through Germany, making sure I sampled as many pretzels as I could (for quality control!). Berlin was a particular highlight for me and I was averaging 3 museums per day!

I then hopped across to Austria and met mum, where we had a wonderful week pretending we were Maria von Trapp in Salzburg, no curtains were safe!

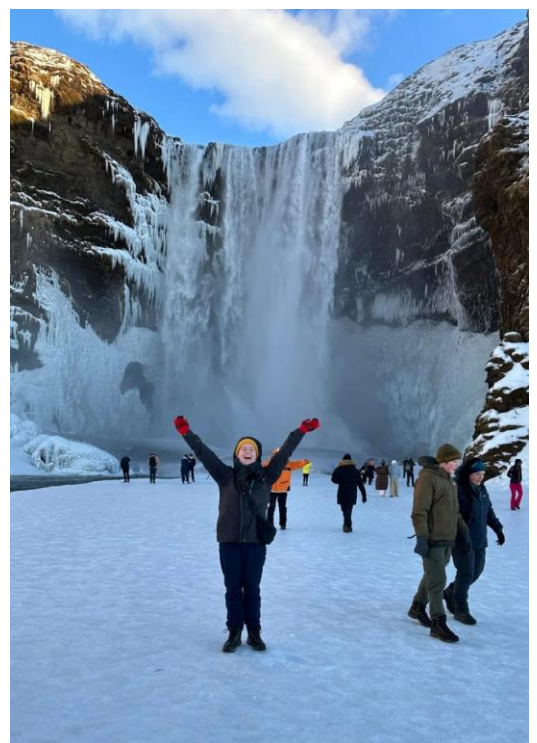
From there it was time for my first ever long-haul flight to Hanoi! For the next three weeks I worked my way from North to South Vietnam, experiencing culture unlike anything I was used to. From 50-bed dorm rooms, to overnight trains, to temples on top of mountains it was definitely a spectacular adventure.

I am now currently in Australia enjoying the relaxed beach life of the Sunshine Coast and avoiding anything with more than 4 legs. My highlight so far was staying on a nature reserve where I nearly bumped into a kangaroo on my walk across the field to the toilet block! I'm not sure who was more alarmed.

I don't know exactly when I'll be back, or what sort of budget I'll have left for the flight home...I may be rowing back to blighty.



Iceland:
Hannah snorkelling
between tectonic
plates and at
Skógafoss Waterfall





On the remote Faroe Islands



In warmer climes



Hannah and Sarah recreating scenes from The Sound of Music at Mirabellgarten in Salzburg. I think you'll agree that the likeness is uncanny.



PS from Sarah. Hannah is now at Surf School at Seven Mile Beach, Gerroa, just south of Sydney, enjoying the surfing although it is hard!

Good Friday Music

Good Friday saw a packed church gather for the 24th Good Friday concert. Treating the audience to part two of Messiah were five soloists, a chamber orchestra (strings, oboes and continuo) and a choir. Including singers from the circuit, friends and family. Part 2 of Messiah is essentially the Passion and includes, arguably, the best bits with lovely moments for both choir and soloists. It ends with the Hallelujah Chorus but as a special Easter treat, the Amen Chorus was appended to give a really rousing finale. Hot cross buns, tea and coffee were shared after the performance and a good time was had by all.



There were over 160 in the audience and a magnificent £1000 was raised on the night for Save the Children and the British Red Cross. Thanks to the Bullets for organising and to the army of volunteers who helped with essential tasks like setting up the church, buttering the hot cross buns etc.

Easter Sunday saw a smaller gathering bright and early in Wesley's for Easter breakfast. Cereal, croissants, and chocolate brioche were shared and an equally magnificent £80 was added to the charitable total from Friday. Thanks to all who came to this convivial event.

Easter Display

The Creative Arts group created a lovely collage showing different aspects of Spring surrounding key elements of the Easter story. Thank you to all involved in putting this together.



The Creative Arts group meet twice a month on the first and third Thursdays from 2-4pm. You are welcome to bring your own craft to do which have ranged from knitting and crocheting, card making, colouring, embroidery and more. There is also often a group activity which you can join in with, such as making the display for Easter Sunday. Angel-making will probably feature in some up and coming sessions for our Exhibition of Angels in the church on Saturday 13th July. Come and craft and chat and drink tea.

Francis Keith Curas-Thompson

You may remember David Knowles' piece last year about this stained glass window at the rear of the church.

David continues to research Francis but completely coincidentally this week Sue Abell received a message from Francis' son, David Curas-Thompson. He now lives abroad and got Sue's number from our website. He wanted to mark the seventieth anniversary of his father's death with a floral tribute. Needless to say wheels turned very quickly and you will see the tribute appear next week for 6th May. We will make sure that David receives a photo.

He asked that wording with the flowers should read:

"Seventy years gone. Always remembered"

David Knowles has made contact with David Curas-Thompson so his when his piece for Spotlight is published (hopefully next month), it promises to be even more informative.

David Knowles



Wives & Friends

Wives was buzzing on 23rd April as their speaker was Julie Konishi who keeps bees. She lives in Coombe Gardens and keeps 4 hives in her garden and another 6 hives at Coombe Wood Golf Club.

We found out about queen bees who during the summer lay 2000 eggs a day. These eggs and the queen are looked after by the drone bees, inside the hive. Meanwhile it is the worker bees that are the ones we see about the place collecting the nectar and the pollen from the flowers. It is the workers and the queen who have stings.

Drones come from unfertilized eggs whilst worker bees are fertilized bees. Worker bees are responsible for many vital tasks both inside and outside the hive: collecting pollen and nectar, feeding and grooming the queen, keeping the hive clean, guarding the hive against predators, making and storing the honey and feeding the drone bees.

The drones only role is to find a queen bee to fertilize. If they do not manage this as the winter comes, the workers kick them out of the hive to die.

A hive during the summer can have 50,000 bees producing 20 to 40 lbs of honey. I harvest between 50 and 100 Kilos of honey per year. It was a fascinating presentation.

Julie Haines (photos from Sue Knowles)



Julie Konishi and Angy Stagg



Angy doesn't look entirely convinced!



The delicious finished product.

Wesley's Community Hub

Can you spare a couple of hours a week (or more?) to help out in Wesley's. We are in need of more volunteers to ensure that the great work that is being done in providing this important community resource to the High Street can continue. Please email Lee on nmmc.wesleys@hotmail.com

The usual programme continues so if you haven't yet been to a session, please come along, you are very welcome. Please check the May calendar at the end of this issue for more details.

Join us to share God's goodness, contributing to our journey towards stronger, connected communities rooted in faith.

For updates including any changes to the programme, please follow us on Instagram/Facebook.

Your likes and follows on Wesley's Instagram and Facebook mean a lot to us.

For the latest updates and more information, follow Wesley's on Facebook and Instagram:

👉 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wesleysnewmalden/>

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Stay tuned and be a part of our community's journey!

Every blessing, Lee

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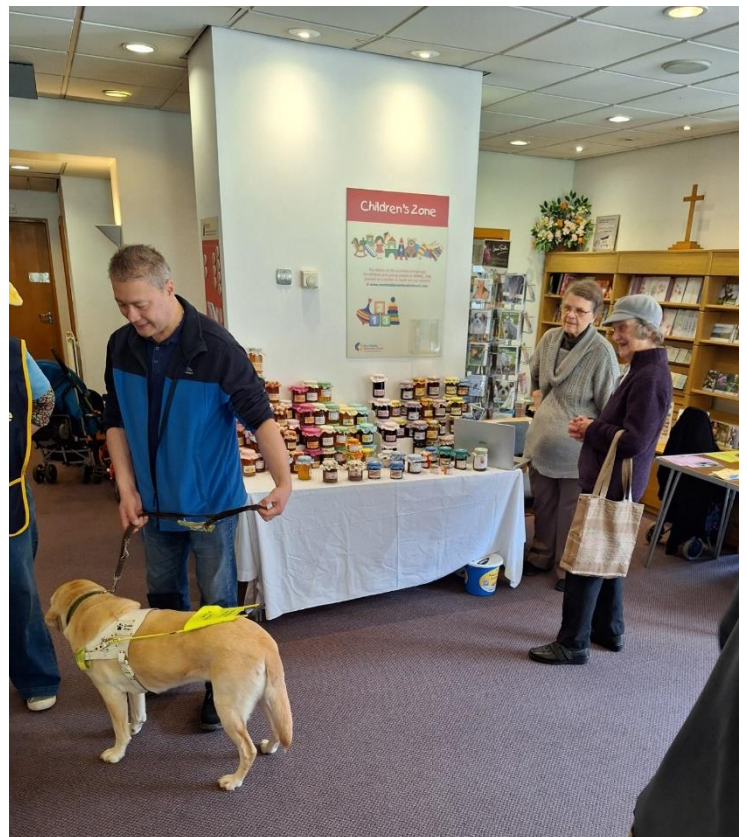
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Saturdays in Wesley's

Wesley's was very busy with people and dogs on Saturday 13th April for the coffee bar in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Sandi Johnson was thrilled to raise £760 as well as raising the profile of the range of activities that the charity are involved in.



Saturday 4th May

Julie will be running Wesley's for the Alzheimer's Society in advance of Dementia Awareness week (13 to 19 May) to support the work they do in research, care and education.

1 in 3 people born in the UK today will be diagnosed with dementia in their lifetime.

1.6 million people are expected to be living with dementia in 2040.

Can you help Julie run the coffee morning and/or provide cake? Failing that, just come and have a coffee and tell your friends.



Tuesday Lunchtime Concerts

"I don't usually like Modern Music, but "

Thirty three people took the risk on a cold and blowy lunchtime to come and hear Graham Waterhouse play three of his own compositions on the cello and the organ.

Graham is an award-winning composer now based in Munich, and it was immediately clear that he is also a very accomplished performer. Several people remarked at the end that they had never heard a cello played like that, and in fact had had no idea such sounds could be produced from it.



The first piece was entitled **Variations**. From a simple melody, Graham proceeded through an astonishing variety of sounds and extraordinary techniques, using the wide range of the instrument to advantage and moving apparently effortlessly between pizzicato, bowed and muted passages with consummate skill. The audience was silent, as if mesmerised.

Graham followed this piece with **Equinox**. He explained that music can be more than just melody or harmony; it can express all sorts of feelings, emotions, ideas and concepts. In this composition he set out to express the vastness, the weightlessness, the grandeur and the mystery of the cosmos, again entralling the audience with deliberately contrasting and opposing sonorities... high and low, loud and soft, detached and smooth. Thus an expressive tone-picture was evoked and again the silence of the audience and their enthusiastic applause at the end testified to their delight in this new sound world.

Graham then moved to the organ, slipping out of his shoes in order to dance on the pedals in his composition again called **Variations** and this time inspired to some extent by the music of the French composer Marcel Dupre. Most of this piece dates from his pre-university days; astonishing, as it is a wide-ranging work of great complexity and maturity.

Starting with the statement of a Bach-like chorale melody, Graham reached virtuosic heights by weaving contrapuntal textures, exciting rhythms and a full range of organ sounds into a blend of exquisite mastery which left the audience gasping. This was all done from memory; awe-inspiring in itself.

Peter, who has known Graham for almost 50 years, alluded in his Introduction to the wide variation and diverse nature of our Lunchtime Concerts which have now been running for several years, albeit with the Covid interruption.

Do come and give one a try sometime (May's concert is on 21st at 1.10pm – a song recital). They are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month, they are completely free, (though with a retiring collection so we can pay the Church and give the performers their train fare) and they last about 45 minutes. Who knows... you too may discover something you have not come across before and might just enjoy!

Alison Bullett

July Dates for your Diary

Saturdays 6th and 13th July – NMMC will be running Wesley's and a stall on the patio on both these Saturdays. Please put these dates in your diary. Can you help?

Saturday 6th July - The pantomime **Cinderella** will be performed on Saturday 6th July 2pm and 7pm (oh yes it will!!).

Chorus parts still available plus front of house and ice cream sellers on the night.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings, 7 – 9pm. Watch this space for further details.



Saturday 13th July – Angel Exhibition – please make angels of any size and any material for display in the church.



NMMC Diary Dates – May

Thursday 2 nd	6.00am – 10.00pm 2.00pm	Mayoral Election – Polling in Lower Hall Creative Arts
Friday 3 rd	11.30am	Writers' Workshop – Wesley's
Saturday 4 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Alzheimer's Society
Monday 6 th May	WESLEY'S CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday 7 th	10.30am – 11.30am 7.00pm	Walking group Panto rehearsal
Thursday 9 th	11.00am – 12.30pm	Knit & Natter in Wesley's
Friday 10 th	11.30am 2.00pm	Writers' Workshop – Wesley's Board Games
Saturday 11 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Morden & North Cheam Flower Club
Sunday 12 th	3.00pm	Music in New Malden (see page 23)
Tuesday 14 th	10.30am 2.30pm – 4.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Tai Chi Bereavement Café Panto rehearsal Wives & Friends visit to Isabella Plantation
Thursday 16 th	2.00pm 6.45pm – 9.30pm	Creative Arts Safeguarding Training
Friday 17 th	11.30am	Writers' Workshop – Wesley's
Saturday 18 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Inner Wheel
Tuesday 21 st	10.30am – 11.30am 1.10pm 7.00pm	Walking group Lunchtime concert) Panto rehearsal
Thursday 23 rd	11.00am – 12.30pm	Knit & Natter in Wesley's
Friday 24 th	11.30am	Writers' Workshop – Wesley's
Saturday 25 th	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Christian Aid
Tuesday 30 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Panto rehearsal Wives & Friends – More Starters & Puds
Saturday 1 st June	10.00am – 12.00pm	Wesley's – Wives & Friends for Sight Savers
Sunday 2 nd June	11.30am	Bring & Share lunch after morning worship.

Next Spotlight Issue

Please send all submissions to Sarah Moore at nmmc@hotmail.co.uk (or in my church pigeonhole). Please send me anything you think might be of interest: memories, news of members, advice for life, poems, photos, recipes, etc, by Wednesday 29th May.

Circuit Plan

	CHESSINGTON 10.00 am	KINGSTON 10.30 am 6pm	NEW MALDEN 10.30 am	SURBITON HILL 10.30 am
	<i>Korean Language Service at Chessington on Sundays at 12.30 led by Rev Paul Han</i>			
05 May	M Wakelin: HC	J Wakelin	Maraj-Ogden: AA	Webb 4.30: Coveney: PP
09 May <i>Ascension Day</i>	7.30pm: E	No Service	No Service	No Service
12 May	D Lloyd	Maraj-Ogden: CA/HC	LA	LA
19 May <i>Pentecost</i>	D&S Lloyd: C	LA: AA M Wakelin: HC	M Wakelin: CA/HC	Maraj-Ogden: HC
26 May <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	M Wakelin	Rutledge	Maraj-Ogden	S Lloyd
02 June	M Wakelin: HC	Stonehewer	Rutledge: AA	Maraj-Ogden 4.30: PP Maraj-Ogden
09 June	Vernon	Rutledge: HC	D Lloyd	Maraj-Ogden: ACM
16 June am 16 June pm	M Wakelin & S Lloyd: C	Bridges: AA Rutledge: HC	Rutledge: HC	Maraj-Ogden: HC
23 June	M Wakelin	Maraj-Ogden	J Wakelin	Rutledge
30 June	Maraj-Ogden	Rutledge	S Lloyd	Stonehewer
07 July	LA at CMC & Wittering OA	D Lloyd	Rutledge: AA	Maraj-Ogden
14 July	M & J Wakelin: HC	Rutledge: AC/HC	Fullbrook	Maraj-Ogden: HC 4.30: Coveney: PP
21 July am	Bridges C	Vernon: AA	Rutledge: HC	M. Wakelin
21 July pm	<i>6 pm: Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Mark Wakelin at Chessington</i>			
28 July	Han	Rutledge: CF	Maraj-Ogden	S Lloyd
04 August	LA	LA/AA	Rutledge: AA/HC	Maraj-Ogden
11 August	D Lloyd	Maraj-Ogden: AA	Bridges: AA	LA
18 August am 18 August pm	Cocking HC	S. Lloyd: AA LA	LA	Maraj-Ogden: HC
25 August	Stonehewer	Maraj-Ogden: HC/ AA	Cocking: AA	LA
Abbreviations AA: All Age Worship AC: Action for Children ACM: Annual Church Meeting C: Contemporary Service CA: Christian Aid CF: Café Church HC: Holy Communion LA : Local Arrangement PP: Praise Party OA: Open Air Service				
Online services (follow links): Kingston: Sundays & You Tube: Windows on Worship New Malden: Sundays & You Tube: Windows on Worship Surbiton Hill: 10.30 Sundays. You Tube: Surbiton Hill Methodist Church				

Answers to the April Quiz

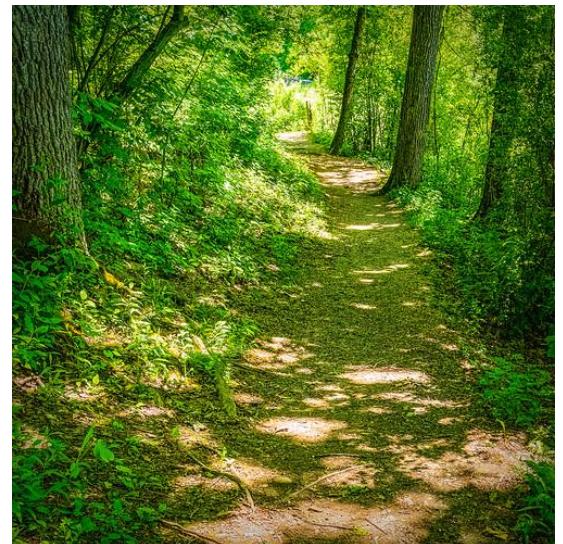
80 D A the W	80 Days Around the World
9 P in the S S	9 Planets in the Solar System
2000 L U the S	2000 Leagues Under the Sea
64 S on a C B	64 Squares on a Chessboard
12 M of a J	12 Members of a Jury
360 D in a C	360 Degrees in a Circle
57 H V	57 Heinz Varieties
7 B for S B	7 Brides for 7 Brothers
101 D	101 Dalmatians
366 D in a L Y	366 Days in a Leap Year
54 C in a P of P C	54 Cards in a Pack of Playing Cards

Poetry Corner

Pied Beauty

Glory be to God for dappled things -
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold , fallow and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise Him



Gerard Manley Hopkins

Creative Writing

My story on Monday began:

*Mountainous seas crashed on the cliffs,
and the desolate land grew wetter...*

The teacher wrote a little note:

Remember the capital letter!

My poem on Tuesday began:

*Red tongues of fire
Licked higher and higher
From smoking Etna's top ...*

The teacher wrote a little note:

Where is your full stop?



My story on Wednesday began:

*Through the lonely, pine-scented wood
there twists a hidden path...*

The teacher wrote a little note:

Start a new paragraph!

My poem on Thursday began:

*The trembling child,
eyes dark and wild,
Frozen midst the fighting ...*

The teacher wrote a little note:

Take care -Untidy writing!

My story on Friday began:

*The boxer bruised and bloody lay,
His eye half closed and swollen...*

The teacher wrote a little note:

Use a semi colon!

Next Monday my story will begin:

Once upon a time...

Gervase Phinn

(We have to hope and assume that Gerard Manley Hopkins received more encouragement!)

And Finally:

On Playing the Organ

Upon the organ's keys my fingers dance,
In harmony they play a stately tune.
Each note, a step in this musical prance,
Under the watchful gaze of the silver moon.

The pipes, they sing with voices deep and clear,
Resounding through the hallowed, sacred hall,
Their music, to my heart is ever near,
In its embrace, I willingly enthrall.

Yet, in this dance, a partner I have found;
The organ, with its voice so rich and grand,
Together, in our music, we are bound,
In harmony, we make our final stand.

So play, my heart, upon this stage so vast,
In music's name, let this moment last.

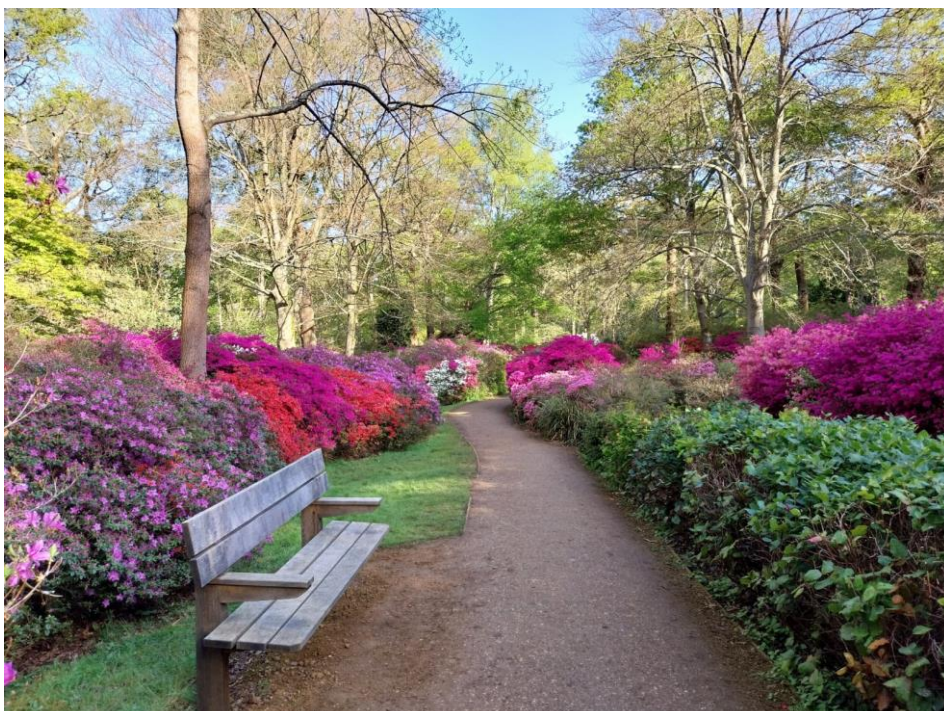
No one could pretend that this sonnet is great literature, and we would struggle to hazard a guess as to its author.

It was in fact written on Co- pilot by AI (yes that's Artificial Intelligence, not someone called AI) in just over 3 seconds, which I for one find Very Scary.

Alison Bullett

Isabella Plantation

Looking stunning on Saturday 20th April, fairly early in the morning before the crowds.





International Women's Day with the Korean Women's Association

This picture and description of an event in March was taken from the newsletter of Ed Davey MP under his "highlights of local visits and meetings".



"Celebrating this year's theme of 'Inspire Inclusion', with women and their experience from around the world. I was honoured to be asked to join everyone in New Malden Methodist Church and speak about the significance of this day, and the important role women currently play in our community and their great contributions to Kingston. The food was great too!"

Music in New Malden

The Barnes Concert Band are delighted to be invited to play at NMMC on 12th May, “thanks to the wonderful Music In New Malden people!” They are very keen to have as many as possible at this event, and stress that it's perfect to introduce children to a big, dramatic musical experience and see instruments playing exciting pieces and lovely haunting melodies. They also promise to bribe the audience with tea and cake afterwards, but we're used to that!



**Music in
New Malden**
16th Series



Barnes Concert Band

Conductor: Daryle Lowden



Sunday 12th May at 3 o'clock
New Malden Methodist Church KT3 4BY

With Clouds Descending
Cats Tales Catalonia, Catwalk , Scat!
Victorian Kitchen Garden Suite
 Prelude, Summer
Symphonic Highlights *The King and I*
Cry of the Last Unicorn
Gee, Officer Krupkee from *West Side Story*

Sleep
I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free
Elvis Rocks

Philip Sparke
Peter Graham
Paul Reade
Soloist: Clare Neville
arr Stephen Bulla
Rossano Galante
Leonard Bernstein
arr Paul Murtha
Eric Whitacre
arr Alan Fernie
arr Alan Fernie

Tickets £10

www.ticketsource.co.uk/musicinnm

Wesley's, NMMC 10am – 2pm M – F (cash)



Wesley's Calendar - MAY 2024

Date	Day	Morning	Afternoon	Notes
1 May 24	Wednesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	Karl & Lee's away
2 May 24	Thursday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
			2-4 Creative Arts Group	
3 May 24	Friday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		11:30 Writers Workshop		
4 May 24	Saturday	10-12 Bake Sale	Alzheimer's Society	
5 May 24	Sunday	10:30 Sunday Service		Songs of Praise
6 May 24	Monday	BANK HOLIDAY - CAFE CLOSED		Karl & Lee's away
7 May 24	Tuesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		10:30 Walking Group		
8 May 24	Wednesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
9 May 24	Thursday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		10:30 Knit & Natter		
10 May 24	Friday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		11:30 Writers Workshop	2-4 Board Games	
11 May 24	Saturday	10-12 Bake Sale	Morden & North Cheam	
12 May 24	Sunday	10:30 Sunday Service		Christian Aid
13 May 24	Monday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	Karl & Sarah's away
14 May 24	Tuesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		10:30 Tai Chi Qigong	2:30 Bereavement Cafe	
15 May 24	Wednesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
16 May 24	Thursday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
			2-4 Creative Arts Group	
17 May 24	Friday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		11:30 Writers Workshop		
18 May 24	Saturday	10-12 Bake Sale - Charity	Inner Wheel	
19 May 24	Sunday	10:30 Sunday Service		Holy Communion (Pentecost)
20 May 24	Monday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	Karl & Sarah's away
21 May 24	Tuesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		10:30 Walking Group		
22 May 24	Wednesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
23 May 24	Thursday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		10:30 Knit & Natter		
24 May 24	Friday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		11:30 Writers Workshop		Sch break
25 May 24	Saturday	10-12 Bake Sale	Christian Aid	
26 May 24	Sunday	10:30 Sunday Service		Morning Worship
27 May 24	Monday	BANK HOLIDAY - CAFE CLOSED		1/2 term
28 May 24	Tuesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	Karl's back
		10:30 Tai Chi Qigong		
29 May 24	Wednesday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
30 May 24	Thursday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
31 May 24	Friday	10-12 Coffee Bar	12-2 Coffee Bar	
		11:30 Writers Workshop		

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